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1. JAN 26 PRESS CONTAINS RESIDUAL TRACES OF ANTI-SEMITISM WHICH CREPT INTO EGYPTIAN COMMENTARY ON PEACE PROCESS. HOWEVER, BY JAN 27, THERE LITTLE IN PAPERS TO WHICH ISRAELIS COULD TAKE EXCEPTION ON THESE GROUNDS.

2. ON 26TH, GUMHURIYYA COMMENTED "BEGIN GOT ANGRY WHEN EGYPTIAN WRITER DESCRIBED HIM AS SHYLOCK WHO REPRESENTS PERSONALITY OF JEWISH USURER IN SHAKESPEARE'S PLAY . . . JEWS THROUGHOUT AGES MADE STUDIES ON SHAKESPEARE'S LIFE AND ACCUSED HIM OF BEING ANTI-SEMITIC . JEWS DID NOT CALM DOWN UNTIL THEY MANAGED TO GET DISRAELI PRIME MINISTER OF BRITAIN . .DISRAELI THEN WROTE HIS FAMOUS
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NOVEL 'DAVID ELROY' IN WHICH HE DESCRIBED THE JEWS AS THE ONLY RACE QUALIFIED TO LEAD THE WORLD."

3. SAME DAY'S AHRAM POSITED THAT "SETTLEMENTS WHICH ISRAELIS BUILDING IN DESERT REFLECT GHETTO COMPLEX WHICH DEVELOPED WHEN JEWS FORCED TO LIVE IN DARKNESS IN EUROPE."

4. MOST OBJECTIONABLE COMMENTARY CONTAINED IN WEEKLY MASAWAR WHICH COMMENTED BEGIN TURNING "PEACE INITIATIVE INTO SPIRIT OF PROTOCOLS OF ZION." WRITER ALLEGED BEGIN "COMMITTED GRAVE MISTAKE IN SPEECH AT LAST SUPPER BEFORE CRUCIFIXION OF PEACE. BEFORE LAST SUPPER JUDAS SOLD JESUS FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER AND LIKEWISE BEGIN SOLD PEACE FOR 10 MINUTES POISONOUS SPEECH . ."WRITER CONCLUDED BEGIN "SMILES WHILE TALKING TO CONCEAL TERROR-IST BEAST HE HIDES WITHIN HIMSELF." SEPARATE ARTICLE IN SAME PUBLICATION CLAIMED "ISRAELIS CONSIDER SUFFERINGS AND PERSECUTION OF JEWS AS HEN THAT LAYS GOLDEN EGGS."

5. COMMENT: HOPEFULLY, WORD NOW OUT TO DESIST FROM SUCH COMMENTARY. MASAWAR PIECES WERE WRITTEN AND SET IN PRINT PRIOR TO ISSUANCE SADAT'S DIRECTIVE. EILTS

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